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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, POST SUBMITS BIODATA ON MR. JOHN KUM AS
FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MR. JOHN MANDOM KUM

PRESENT POSITION: PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (PLANNING)
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, JOS, PLATEAU STATE

PAST POSITIONS : AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICER, 1966-70;
AGRICULTURAL PLANNING OFFICER, 1971 TO DATE.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 31 JUL 2013]; LANGTANT, PLATEAU STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US : NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES : UNITED KINGDOM
(STUDENTS' SEMINAR) 1965: KENYA, INDIA,
HONG KONG AND MANILA, PHILLIPINES-
JUNE/JULY, 1975.

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PREVIOUS USG GRANT : NONE

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: IN HIS POSITION AS PRINCIPAL

AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (PLANNING), MR. KUM

IS IN KEY POSITION TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS IN PLATEAU UNDER DIRECTION OF STATE'S NEW COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, CHRISTOPHER DAMEN WHO HAS EXPRESSED TO BPAO AND PRINCIPAL OFFICER STRONG INTEREST IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND TECHNIQUES. ON-THE -SCENE OBSERVATIONS OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL BUDGETING, CROP DEVELOPMENT, FEASIBILITY STUDY PROCEDURES AND EVALUATION, AMERICAN FARM EQUIPMENT AND FERTILIZER USAGE AND AVAILABILITY IN U.S. WOULD BROADEN HIS KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBILITIES FOR NIGERIA IN THESE VARIED AREAS. IT WOULD COMPLIMENT HIS PREVIOUS BRIEF TRAVELS TO KENYA, INDIA, HONG KONG AND THE PHILIPPINES AND GIVE HIM NEW APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN ADVANCES IN ALL AREAS OF AGRICULTURE.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: MR. KUM'S CONTACT WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS

IN U.S. AGRICULTURE WOULD GIVE HIM NEW

INSIGHTS INTO THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. PERHAPS, MORE IMPORTANT, IT CAN CONFIRM FOR HIM AMERICA'S GENUINE INTEREST IN ASSISTING DEVELOPING NATIONS, NIGERIA IN PARTICULAR, IN REALIZING THEIR AGRICULTURAL GOALS. IT CAN GIVE HIM NEW INSIGHTS INTO AMERICAN CULTURE AND THE DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND AN AWARENESS OF U.S. INTEREST IN AFRICAN CULTURE AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS TO DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. MR. KUM IS ALSO IN POSITION TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND PURCHASE OF AMERICAN FARM EQUIPMENT. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATIONAL AIDS, FERTILIZER, ETC., IF THEY WOULD FILL A NEED IN PLATEAU STATE. MR. KUM HAS EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN MAKING VISIT TO U.S. AND HAS ABILITY AND IS IN POSITION TO CONVEY ANY KNOWLEDGE GAINED TO HIS FELLOW NIGERIANS ACCURATELY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY. NOMINEE SHOULD OBSERVE FUNCTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS FEDERAL LAND BANK, FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, AND PRIVATE BANKS IN THEIR LENDING ACTIVITIES TO FARMERS,. SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO FAMILIARIZING HIM WITH STATE EXTENSION PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.

AVAILABILITY FOR US VISIT: APRIL, 1976.

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